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In response to the Decision on Appeal dated August 28, 2009, Appellants respectfully request rehearing of the present appeal.

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ARGUMENT

The Decision on Appeal dated August 28, 2009 provides no indication that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences considered the arguments presented by Appellants in the Reply Brief dated January 14, 2008. Appellants respectfully submit that the arguments presented in the Reply Brief persuasively illustrate how the combination of Roe et al. and Johansson et al. is improper under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), especially when taking the teachings of each reference as a whole. Appellants therefore submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness of Claims 1-9 and 11-19 has not been established under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In view of the above, Appellants respectfully request a rehearing of Appellants' appeal in the present application and that Appellants' arguments presented in the Reply Brief dated January 14, 2008 be fully considered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Appellants further respectfully request that the rejections be reversed and Claims 1-9 and 11-19 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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